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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION INCREASES -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 7 Dec 49

Hong Kong, 5 December -- According to a dispatch from Pei-p'ing, Li Fu-ch'un, deputy chairman of the Northeast China People's government, at the recent session of the Central People's Government Council said, "The land-reform project in Northeast China has been completed. Agricultural production has increased considerably. The peasants' income has increased to three times that of 1946."

COMPLETES AGRICULTURAL SURVEY -- Ta Kung Pao, 24 Oct 49

Pei-p'ing, 22 October (NCHA) -- An agricultural survey of Hopeh, Chahar, Suiyuan, Shansi, and Fingyuan provinces was completed this month. The project was sponsored by the Ministry of Agriculture of the North China People's government for the purpose of surveying agricultural production, income and spending of the rural populace, uses of draft animals, livestock, subsidiary occupations of farmers, water conservation and reclamation and afforestation projects in progress.

A total of 150 specialists from Pei-p'ing University, Ch'ing-hua University, the Cooperative Bank of Pei-p'ing, and the North China Cooperative Committee participated in the survey. The survey was begun in mid-August of 1949 and completed in 2 months. More than 80 hsiens were covered, including 200 villages and 6,000 families.

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MAKES FAMINE SURVEY -- Ta Kung Pao, 8 Nov 49

Chi-nan, 7 November (NCHA) -- The Shantung Provincial People's government has organized a cadre headquarters consisting of 58 members to make a survey of famine conditions in the province. The cadre headquarters personnel are divided into three groups to be sent to the south-central region, the Fo-hai region, and the Chiao-chou region. Each group will make extensive surveys of famine conditions, relief required, and means of increasing agricultural production. The survey is expected to last one to 2 months.

PEASANTS TO GET RELIEF -- Ta Kung Pao, 23 Oct 49

T'ien-ching, 21 October (NCHA) -- The Peasant Delegates Conference was held in T'ien-ching on 12 October to discuss means of increasing production and assisting farmers who have recently suffered crop damage or losses. It was announced that the T'ien-ching People's government is extending a 30-million yuan loan for this purpose.

About 33,000 peasants in one rural area suffered crop losses when their farms and homes were destroyed by continuous rains last summer. In some agricultural areas, Nationalists troops destroyed much of the crops before fleeing.

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